

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 15, line 26, please insert the following new paragraph:

--           Figure 7 depicts the amino acid positions at positions 85 and 93 relative to SEQ ID NO:3 (SEQ ID NO: 32) and further details that said amino acid substitutions at each of said positions relative are relatively conserved as noted in the comparison between the human sequence and the corresponding sequences from 16 different specified of *C elegans*. SEQ ID NO: 32 depicts an amino acid fragment corresponding to positions 76-105 of SEQ ID NO:3. Each of the following 16 amino acids sequences, SEQ ID NOS:33-48 correspond to the same positions 76-105 in 16 different species of *C elegans*. For example, with the exception of SEQ ID NO:37, tryptophan is fairly conserved in that it occupies the same position in SEQ ID NO:32 when compared to 15 of the remaining 16 species of *C elegans*. More, position 85 in the human CGICE protein of SEQ ID NO:3 as depicted in SEQ ID NO:32 is also very well conserved in that all the sequences including SEQ ID NOS:33-48 depict the same amino acid at the same position in 16 different species of *C elegans*. --